FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. H.3281

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TO: The Honorable Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr., Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

ANALYSTS: Torina Wood

DATE: February 26, 2009 SBD: 2009176

AUTHOR: Representative Edge PRIMARY CODE CITE: Joint Resolution

SUBJECT: Hospice

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3281 is a Joint Resolution directing the Department of Health and Human Services, when adjusting its budget in response to revenue reductions, to maintain funding for Hospice Services at the level in place on December 31, 2008.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Health and Human Services estimates actual funding levels for the Hospice program at December 31, 2008, to be \$11,000,000; \$3,292,300 General Funds and \$7,707,700 Federal Medicaid Funds. The Department reports this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal funds as funds for the program are included in the agency's 2008-09 base budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

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